

ACCESS TO NAVY SHIPS GUIDANCE

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Non-Emergency Situations In non-emergency situations, Navy vessels are not subject to boarding, search, or inspection by U.S. Coast Guard, State, or other local officials in connection with oil spill planning and implementation. Navy policy is, however, to cooperate with U.S. Coast Guard, State, and other local officials in the development and implementation of Navy OHS spill/release planning. Accordingly, these officials may be invited on board Navy vessels at the discretion of the Commanding Officer.

OHS Spill Response Situations During actual OHS spill/release response emergencies, Navy vessel Commanding Officers shall allow on board the U.S. Coast Guard, as designated Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) for oil spills, and other Federal, State, and local officials involved in OHS spill/release response and cleanup.

OHS spill/release investigations Commanding Officers should not normally allow U.S. Coast Guard, State, or other local regulatory or law enforcement officials on board Navy vessels for the sole purpose of conducting an administrative or criminal investigation, interview witnesses, seize/review documents or other evidence, etc. All requests for investigative access to Navy vessels or personnel shall be referred immediately to the cognizant Staff Judge Advocate.